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Patent Application

Inventor(s): Kurt R. Carlson
Case No.: NGC-140/000047-199
Serial No.: 10/600,984
Filing Date: 06/20/2003
Title: INTRODUCING VOIDS INTO POLYMERIC MATERIAL FOR BUFFERING
ONE OR MORE STRESS SENSITIVE COMPONENTS FROM ONE OR
MORE STRESSES

Examiner Irina Sopjia Zemel
Art Unit: 1711

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Dear Sir:

TERMINAL DISCLAIMER

Your petitioner, Northrop Grumman Corporation, a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware, having its principal office at 1840

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Century Park East, Los Angeles, California, 90067-2199, U.S.A., represents that it is the sole owner of the entire right, title, and interest in an application, Serial No. 10/600,984 filed on June 20, 2003, on a certain invention related to INTRODUCING VOIDS INTO POLYMERIC MATERIAL FOR BUFFERING ONE OR MORE STRESS SENSITIVE COMPONENTS FROM ONE OR MORE STRESSES of Kurt R. Carlson, the present assignment being recorded on Reel 014223, Frame 0183, in the U. S. Patent and Trademark Office on June 20, 2003.

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Signed at Chicago, in the State of Illinois this day of April 2006.

The undersigned is an attorney of record.

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Carmen B. Patti', with a large, stylized loop at the end.

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Dated: April 7, 2006

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